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<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</p>													
<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on <u>08-14-2003</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>502117</u></p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>													
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